

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Upper Kaskaskia River Watershed

**(Champaign, Christian, Coles, Douglas, Effingham, Fayette, Macon,
Moultrie, Piatt, and Shelby Counties)**

Total Maximum Daily Load and Load Reduction Strategy

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) Bureau of Water will
hold a public meeting on:

Wednesday, October 26, 2016 (3:00 pm)

at

**University of Illinois Extension
Moultrie/Douglas Counties
122 South Walnut Street
Arthur, IL**

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for the public to receive information and comment on the draft Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and Load Reduction Strategy (LRS) concerning impairments to Upper Kaskaskia River Watershed. The potential TMDL causes of impairment include Kaskaskia River (O-02, O-15) fecal coliform, Beck Creek (OQ-01) fecal coliform, West Okaw River (OT-02) fecal coliform, West Okaw River (OT-04) Dissolved Oxygen, pH, Jonathon Creek (OU-01) Fecal Coliform, Asa Creek (OZZT-01) pH. The potential LRS causes of impairment include West Okaw River (OT-04) total phosphorus, Lake Fork (OW-01, OW-02) sedimentation/siltation.

This TMDL/LRS report includes data analysis and determination of the pollutant loading capacity and reduction necessary to meet designated uses and water quality standards. The report also includes an implementation strategy for meeting TMDL & LRS water quality goals.

The IEPA implements the TMDL program in accordance with Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act. A TMDL is the sum of the allowable amounts of a single pollutant (for example, phosphorus, metals, etc.) that a waterbody can receive from all contributing sources and still meet water quality standards or designated uses.

The draft Stage One Report for the Upper Kaskaskia River Watershed will be available on-line at <http://www.epa.illinois.gov/public-notices/index>. A hard copy of the draft report will be available for viewing at the University of Illinois Extension Building-Moultrie/Douglas County in Arthur, Illinois during business hours. Questions about the TMDL should be directed to the project manager, Trevor Sample at trevor.sample@illinois.gov or 217/782-3362 or Abel Haile (see contact information below).

Closure of the Meeting Record

The meeting record will close as of midnight, November 26, 2016. Written comments need not be notarized but must be postmarked before midnight and mailed to:

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